

Overview of Migrant Situation in Türkiye

According to the latest available figures from the Turkish Presidency of Migration Management (PMM), there are more than 4.9* million foreign nationals present in Turkish territory, 3.6* million of whom are seeking international protection.

Most of those seeking international protection are Syrians (3,603,724* individuals) who are granted the temporary protection status in Türkiye. In addition, international protection applicants are most frequently nationals of Afghanistan, the Islamic Republic of Iran and Iraq constitute another group of foreign nationals. According to PMM, there were 29,256* international protection applicants present in Türkiye in 2021¹, published annually. Moreover, according to UNHCR**, there are close to 330,000 international protection status holders and asylum-seekers.

In addition, there are 1,336,601* foreign nationals under residence permit holder status; this number includes humanitarian residence holders.

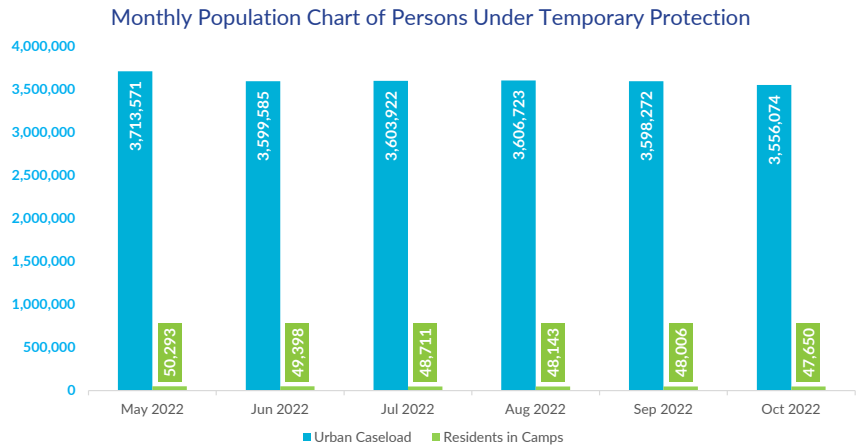
*Data Source PMM, 03.11.2022

**Data source UNHCR, July 2022

Temporary Protection

Türkiye's temporary protection regime grants 3,603,724* Syrian nationals the right to legally stay in Türkiye as well as obtain some level of access to basic services. The vast majority --namely 3,556,074* individuals, live outside of formal camps and instead are spread across many of the Turkish provinces. As such, only 47,650* Syrians live in seven formal camps, the majority of which are located close to the Syrian border.

*Data Source PMM, 03.11.2022

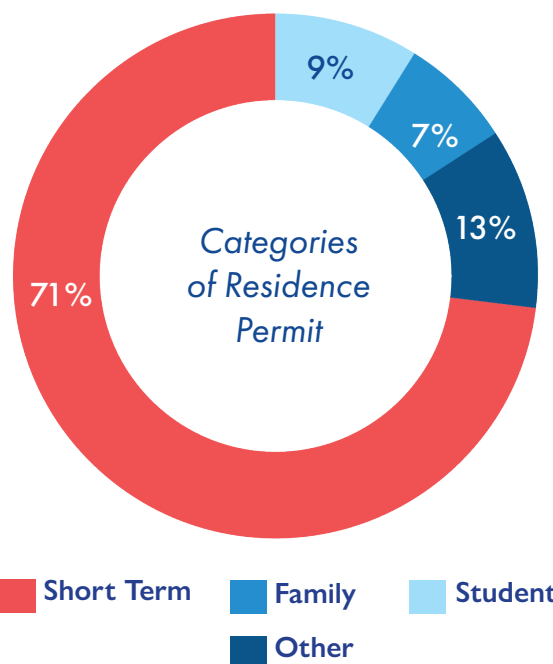


International Protection Applicants

There are 29,256* international protection applicants in Türkiye of different nationalities, but primarily originating in Afghanistan, Iraq and Islamic Republic of Iran. PMM publishes the number of international protection applicants by years.

*Data source PMM, end of 2021¹

Nationality	Percentage#
Afghanistan	75%
Iraq	17%
Islamic Republic of Iran	3%
Others	5%



Residence Permit Holders

Foreigners who seek stay in Türkiye beyond the duration of a visa or a visa exemption or, longer than 90 days, should obtain a residence permit. There are 1,336,601* residence permit holders in Türkiye within various categories. According to PMM, the "other" residence permit category includes humanitarian residence permit holders, and while the exact number is unknown, it is believed that the vast majority in this category are Iraqis. The breakdown of the residence permit categories is shown in the graph (left). The category breakdown of residence permits and the total number of residence permit holders are monthly published.

*Data Source PMM, 03.11.2022

¹ UNHCR ended registration process in Türkiye on 10 September 2018. The registration process will continue with the procedure carried out by the Turkish authorities (UNHCR). The number of international protection holders is not publicly available as of the date above.

Intercepted Persons on Land

According to the Turkish Armed Forces (TAF) sources, in October 2022, a total number of 1,453* individuals were intercepted by TAF and handed over to Turkish law enforcement forces. The source doesn't present the breakdown of the intercepted nationalities. According to TAF, out of this number 261* individuals were recorded as attempting to enter Türkiye from the Syrian Arab Republic, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Greece, Bulgaria and Iraq. TAF also registered 1,192* individuals attempting to enter from Türkiye into Greece, the Syrian Arab Republic, the Islamic Republic of Iran, Iraq, Georgia and Bulgaria. (See table below for details).

*Data Source TAF, 31.10.2022

Interceptions by Turkish Land Forces (1 - 31 October 2022)			
Entry		Exit	
Bulgaria	118	Bulgaria	970
Syrian Arab Republic	62	Greece	121
Islamic Republic of Iran	59	Syrian Arab Republic	77
Greece	17	Islamic Republic of Iran	18
Iraq	5	Georgia	4
Georgia	0	Iraq	2
Total	261	Total	1,192



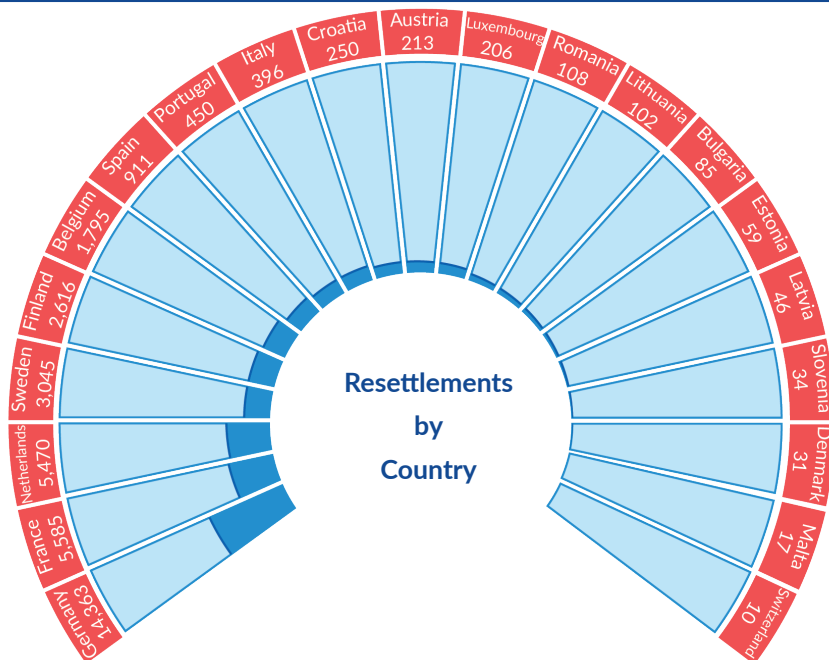
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Apprehended/Rescued Persons on Sea

According to Turkish Coast Guard (TCG) reports, the TCG apprehended 4,777* irregular migrants and six fatalities were recorded in October 2022. The top ten nationalities of apprehended/rescued migrants are Syrian, Yemeni, Afghan, Liberian, Iraqi, Congolese, Palestinian, Eritrean**, Central African and Malian.

*Data source TCG, 31.10.2022

**The information on nationality provided in this report is based on the nationality declared by migrants as reported by the Turkish authorities.



Resettlement of Syrians from Türkiye

Since 4 April 2016, when EU-Türkiye Statement on the readmission of migrants to Türkiye arriving in Greece after 20 March 2016 entered into force, a total of 35,792* Syrians were resettled to a number of European countries (see graph on the left) according to One-to-One mechanism with the assistance of IOM.

*Data Source PMM, 03.11.2022